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For: STATE MACHINE FUNCTION BLOCK

WITH A USER MODIFIABLE STATE TRANSITION CONFIGURATION

DATABASE

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the non-final Office action dated September 3, 2008, please consider the following **Remarks** which begin on page 2 of this paper.